



Mike Whaley, left, and Jerry Clements share a laugh with Senior Volunteer Patrol members.

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## Volunteers Become Leaders

How do volunteers go from helping to a position of leadership? Just ask Mike Whaley and Jerry Clements.

After retiring fifteen years ago, Mike and Jerry made a decision to do something helpful and challenging with their newly-found free time. They both enrolled in Carlsbad's inaugural Senior Volunteer Patrol program that trains seniors 55 years and above to provide services in support of law enforcement. One year later, this dynamic duo began teaching the Academy.

Mike, a former commanding officer in the Marine Corps, and Jerry, a former volunteer sports coach, are both natural leaders. They took the existing syllabus and reworked it to give students a more comprehensive training that allows them to do their jobs with confidence.

Sergeant Jason Jackowski, liaison officer with the SVP, explained, "We try to fit the experiences and background of our volunteers to their volunteer positions. With Jerry and Mike's background in organizing and leading, the police department naturally placed them in charge of the SVP Academy."

Volunteers who go through the Academy become deeply committed to the program. Mike commented, "We go for quality of people, not quantity."

Volunteers rose to the occasion during the December rainstorms. The police department was busy dealing with multiple traffic collisions due to fallen trees and non-working traffic lights. "I had to call in extra patrol members at 5 a.m. in the morning to come help with traffic management," recalls Jerry.

Jerry adds with pride, "We keep everyone busy and active."

**"If your actions  
inspire others to dream  
more, learn more, do more  
and become more, you are  
a leader."**

— John Quincy Adams

Senior Volunteer Patrol members volunteer for at least one six-hour shift per month and provide assistance with:

- Neighborhood patrols
- Traffic control • Foot patrols
- Patrol officer support
- Handicapped parking violation enforcement
- Police station tours
- Visits and calls to homebound seniors
- Community presentations
- Special events



Jerry managing the complex scheduling of the Patrol.

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Sally Lyons cares about recreational opportunities in Carlsbad.

## Sally Lyons – commissioner and leader

Considerate, principled, compassionate, and social, Sally Lyons possesses these same key qualities that Peter Stephenson of uSucceed linked to success in his study of successful, world-famous people. Though not world famous, Carlsbad citizens know Sally as an effective leader who has worked diligently for eight years as a Carlsbad Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

In this advisory role, she and her fellow commissioners make recommendations to City Council members on matters pertaining to

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community parks, programs, playgrounds, and indoor and outdoor recreations, activities and facilities. Sally reveals her tip to being successful in this

role, “It’s important to educate myself and the people about the issues and to let the citizens express what they want.”

A new community swimming pool is one thing that many residents want, and something Sally has pushed for. She explains, “While growing up my kids enjoyed swimming and diving at the Monroe Street pool. My son Patrick played water polo and I used to get him to the pool at 5:30 a.m. every morning for practice. He was selected to be on the USA National Olympic Team.” When complete, the Alga Norte Community Park will include pools designed to help today’s aspiring athletes train, as well as areas for swim lessons, water therapy and open play.

Sally reflects on her drive to lead, “You do it because you see a need. And you get to work with people who care, people who are motivated. The Parks and Recreation Department employees work hard to make people happy. It’s been a wonderful experience.”

## Around Carlsbad

### Composting

The City of Carlsbad offers residents subsidized compost bins through the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Solana Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 137 N. El Camino Real in Encinitas. Deeply discounted bins for composting and growing worms are available. For more information call 760-436-7986.

### Bella A Cappella

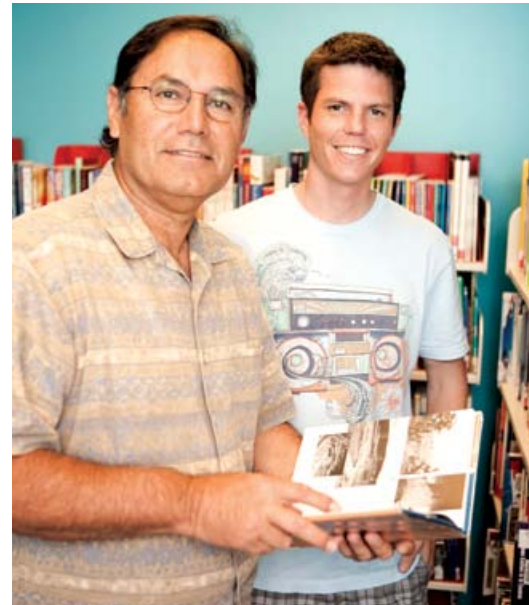
Sunday, February 27, 2-4 p.m.  
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium  
1775 Dove Lane

Join the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts for an afternoon of beautiful music featuring some of the finest a cappella groups in San Diego County. After the performances, you can vote for your favorite. \$5 CFA members; \$10 non-members. For more information, call 760-635-0464 or go to [www.carlsbadfriendsofthearts.com](http://www.carlsbadfriendsofthearts.com).

## Opportunities for You

### Evening Adult Literacy Tutor

Imagine what it is like to go through life without the ability to read. You can open up a new world to adults who have never learned to read.



Tutor and learner work together to share the gift of reading.

Learning to read creates far greater opportunities for inclusion in the community. By supporting an adult in the quest to learn to read, you can provide a gift that keeps on giving. We are currently looking for tutors who can work with their learner in the evening. Contact Carrie at [Carrie.Scott@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:Carrie.Scott@carlsbadca.gov) or 760-931-4510.



KATHY SIEMION

Spark third-graders' community spirit.

### CityStuff Presenters for Third Graders

Find out how fun and rewarding it is to teach Carlsbad third-graders about democracy by presenting the award-winning “CityStuff” program. You will be provided hands-on materials, training and support that will prepare you to give six presentations in a classroom near you. Contact Kathy at [citystuff1@gmail.com](mailto:citystuff1@gmail.com) or 760-436-0140.

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To expand your volunteer involvement citywide, contact Sue Irey, Volunteer Coordinator  
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